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TAGS: ETRD, GATT, PL

SUBJECT: POLISH CUSTOMS TARIFF: REQUEST FOR US REACTION

REFERENCE: GENEVA 5732

1. PLEASE TELL POLES FOLLOWING:

A. WE ARE NOT INCLINED TO PLACE OBSTACLES IN THE WAY OF
POLISH STEPS TO GIVE ENTERPRISES GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES

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AND SUBSTITUTE AUTOMATIC MECHANISMS FOR CENTRAL PLANNING

AS DETERMINANTS OF ECONOMIC FLOWS, PROVIDED THESE STEPS DO NOT LEAD TO DISCRIMINATION OR IMPEDE DEVELOPMENT OF POLAND'S TRADE WITH CP'S.

B. OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS THAT THE TARIFF SYSTEM BE GENUINELY NONDISCRIMINATORY. WE WOULD HAVE TO OPPOSE INSTALLATION OF A TARIFF SYSTEM THAT DID NOT APPLY THE SAME RATES IN THE SAME MANNER TO TRADE WITH CEMA COUNTRIES. HUNGARIAN ACCESSION IS NOT A VALID PRECEDENT. HUNGARY HAD ESTABLISHED ITS TARIFF SYSTEM BEFORE ACCEDING, AND IN ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS CP'S WERE ABLE TO ADVANCE THEIR INTERESTS CONSIDERABLY. THESE ADVANCES WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST HAD CP'S HELD OUT FOR TREATMENT OF CEMA TRADE ON SAME BASIS AS TRADE WITH CP'S, SINCE HUNGARY UNWILLING ACCEDE ON THAT BASIS. POLAND, ON OTHER HAND, IS ALREADY A CP AND IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT OTHER CP'S WOULD GAIN SHOULD POLAND IMPOSE A TARIFF THAT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST THEM IN FAVOR

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OF CEMA. FURTHERMORE, CIRCUMSTANCES WERE UNIQUE. HUNGARY'S ECONOMIC REFORMS, OF WHICH TARIFF SCHEDULE IS KEY FEATURE, REPRESENTED HISTORIC DEPARTURE.

C. A SECOND CONCERN WOULD BE THAT THE NEW TARIFF SYSTEM NOT IMPEDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLAND'S TRADE WITH CP'S. WHETHER DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THESE LINES WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US AND OTHER CP'S WOULD DEPEND ON NUMBER OF CONSIDERATIONS, SUCH AS LEVEL OF THE POLISH TARIFF, DOMESTIC ECONOMIC ROLE OF THE TARIFF, AND, IF IMPORT COMMITMENT WERE ELIMINATED, THE DEGREE OF ASSURANCE AGAINST FUTURE CHANGES IN POLISH TRADE REGIME TO DISADVANTAGE OF CP'S. WE BELIEVE THAT IF POLES WISH TO MODIFY OR ELIMINATE THEIR IMPORT COMMITMENT A WORKING PARTY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER IN DETAIL THE COMPLICATED ISSUES THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED. WE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY.

2. BEFORE YOU SPEAK TO POLES PLEASE INFORM EC REP OF SUBSTANCE OF THIS RESPONSE. YOU MAY TELL HIM THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN DISCOURAGING POLAND FROM TAKING STEP THAT
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WOULD LEAD TOWARD ENLARGEMENT OF CEMA'S ECONOMIC ROLE AND INTERNATIONAL STANDING, ESPECIALLY AT EXPENSE OF US AND OTHER CP'S. RUSH

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